

Chambers of Chief Judge Thad Heartfield

212 Jack Brooks Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 300 Willow Street,
Beaumont, TX 77701
Tel: (409) 654-2860

Thad Heartfield
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: St Mary's U 1965 JD
Began Service: May 1, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,
County of Jefferson, Texas (1965-1966); City Attorney, City of Beaumont,
Texas (1969-1973)

Legal Practice: Associate, Weller, Wheelus & Green (1966-1969); Partner,
O'Brian, Richards & Heartfield (1973-1977); Partner, Crutchfield,
DeCordova, Brocato & Heartfield (1977-1981); Private Practice
(1981-1995)

Current Memberships: Jefferson County Bar Association; State Bar of
Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

Staff

Law Clerk **Steve Foster** (409) 654-2860
Law Clerk **Mary Margaret Groves** (409) 654-2860
Court Reporter **Frank McMillan** (409) 654-2860
Court Coordinator **Jill Veazey** (409) 654-2860
Secretary **Kristi Wernig** (409) 654-2860

Chambers of District Judge Richard A. Schell

U.S. Courthouse Annex, 200 North Travis Street, Sherman, TX 75090
Tel: (903) 893-7667

Richard A. Schell
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Southern Methodist 1972 BA, 1975 JD
Began Service: August 15, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Instructor, Southern Methodist University (1975-1976)

Government: Coordinator, Texas District Court, 199th Judicial District,
State of Texas (1975-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the
District Attorney, State of Texas

Judicial: Judge, County Court at Law (1982-1986); Judge, Texas District
Court, 219th Judicial District (1986-1988)

Legal Practice: Boyd, Veigel & Gay (1977-1981)

Current Memberships: State Bar of Texas

Staff

Law Clerk **Aileen Durrett** (903) 893-7667
Education: Texas Tech 1993 JD
Law Clerk **John Maxfield** (903) 893-7667
Court Reporter **Jerry Kelley** (903) 893-7667
Secretary **Lori Bates** (903) 893-7667
Education: Texas (Dallas) BA

Chambers of District Judge David Folsom

309 U.S. Courthouse, 500 State Line Avenue, Texarkana, TX 75501
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**David Folsom**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Arkansas 1969 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: April 14, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Associate, Young & Patton (1974-1976); Partner, Young,
Patton & Folsom (1976-1990); Sole Practitioner (1990-1995)

Current Memberships: Arkansas Bar Association; Arkansas Trial
Lawyers Association; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Northeast
Texas Bar Association; Southwest Arkansas Bar Association; Texarkana
Bar Association; Texas Bar Association; Texas Trial Lawyers Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Trip Fussell** (903) 794-4067 ext. 229
Law Clerk **Courtney Toole** (903) 794-4067 ext. 227
Court Reporter **Libby Crawford** (903) 794-4067 ext. 237
Docket Coordinator/Secretary
Betty Schroeder (903) 794-4067 ext. 223

Chambers of District Judge Thomas John Ward

U.S. Courthouse, 100 East Houston, Room 101, Marshall, TX 75670
Tel: (903) 935-3868 Fax: (903) 935-2295

**Thomas John Ward**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA;
Baylor 1967 LLB
Began Service: July 13, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Legislative Draftsman, Texas Legislative Council
(1967-1968); Assistant County Attorney, County of Lubbock, Texas
(1968-1968)

Legal Practice: Associate Attorney, Phenix and Wilder (1968-1969);
Associate Attorney, Law Office of Otto A. Ritter (1969-1969); Partner,
Ward and Ross (1969-1970); Partner, Sharp, Ward & Ross (1971-1990);
Partner, Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline, LLP (1991-1999)

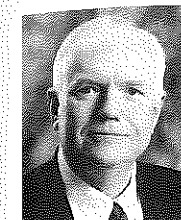
Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of
Trial Advocates, Advocate; American College of Trial Lawyers, Judicial
Fellow; Bar Association for the United States District for the Eastern of
Texas; Bar Association Fifth Federal Circuit; Foundation American Board
of Trial Advocates; Gregg County Bar Association; Northeast Texas Bar
Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Staff

Permanent Law Clerk **Charles Everingham IV** (903) 935-3868
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Chambers of District Judge Leonard Davis

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Tel: (903) 590-1084 Fax: (903) 590-1190

**Leonard Davis**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Texas 1970 BA;
Texas Christian 1974 MA; Baylor 1976 JD
Began Service: May 10, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Twelfth District
(2000-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones
(1977-1979); Partner, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones (1979-2000)

Military Service: Texas Army National Guard (1970-1973)

Staff

Secretary **Lorie Hughes** (903) 590-1084

Chambers of District Judge Ron Clark

P.O. Box 3682, Beaumont, TX 77704
Tel: (409) 654-2800 Fax: (409) 654-6280

**Ron Clark**
District Judge

Date of Birth: January 5, 1953
Education: Connecticut 1973 BA, 1974 MA;
Texas 1979 JD
Began Service: November 22, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant City Attorney and Trial Attorney, Office of the City
Attorney, City of Abilene, Texas (1979-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1983-1984);
Partner, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1985-1993); Partner, Wolfe, Clark,
Henderson, Tidwell & McCoy, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

Military Service: United States Army (1974-1976); United States Army
Reserve (1980-1990)

Staff

Law Clerk **Benjamin Elacqua** (409) 654-2800
Law Clerk **J. Laurens Wilkes** (409) 654-2800
Court Reporter **Christina Bickham** (409) 654-2891
Legal Secretary **V. J. Wisenbaker** (409) 654-2880

Chambers of District Judge Marcia Ann Cain Crone

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Marcia Ann Crone
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 12, 1952
Education: Texas 1973 BA; Houston 1978 JD
Began Service: October 3, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Current Memberships: American Inns of Court, Board of Directors;
District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Judges Association;
Jefferson County Bar Association; Texas Bar Foundation; Texas State Bar

Chambers of District Judge Marcia Ann Cain Crone continued**Staff**

Law Clerk **Shane McClelland** (409) 654-2880
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Education: Texas BA; South Texas JD
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Education: Boston Col JD
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Education: Illinois BA; Georgetown JD
Court Administrator **(Vacant)** (409) 654-2880

Chambers of District Judge Michael H. Schneider

211 West Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702
Tel: (903) 590-1091

Michael H. Schneider
District Judge

Date of Birth: January 6, 1943
Education: Stephen F Austin State BS; Houston 1971 JD; Virginia LLM
Began Service: September 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: Attorney, Dresser Industries; Vice President and General
Counsel, Bawden Drilling, Inc.; General Solicitor, Union Pacific Railroad
Company

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,
County of Harris, Texas (1971-1975); Municipal Judge (Part-Time), City of
West University Place (1978-1990)

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 157th Judicial District (1991-1996);
Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1996-2002); Justice,
Supreme Court of Texas (2002-2004)

Legal Practice: Of Counsel, McFall & Sartwell

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Houston Bar
Association; Houston Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Law
Foundation

Staff

Law Clerk **DeLeith Gossett** (903) 590-1091
Education: Arkansas (Little Rock) 1998 JD
Law Clerk **Philip Vickers** (903) 590-1091
Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Linda Pritchard** (903) 590-1094
Court Reporter **Ron Mason** (903) 590-1096
Judicial Assistant **Glenda Shelton** (903) 590-1091

Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Steger

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William M. Steger
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920
Education: Southern Methodist 1950 LLB
Began Service: December 29, 1970
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas, United
States Department of Justice (1953-1959)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1951-1953); Partner, Wilson, Miller,
Spivey & Steger (1959-1970)

Military Service: United States Army Air Corps (1942-1947)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Smith County Bar
Association; State Bar of Texas

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